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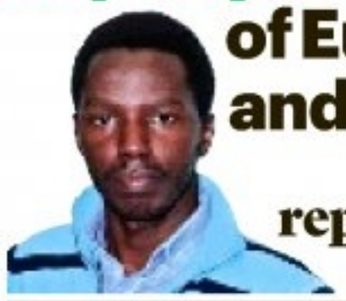

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CIVIL SERVANTS

Glitches could lead to legal action, says Ottawa prof

The office that advises the prime minister and his cabinet on government operations is taking over efforts to fix the dysfunctional pay system that has shortchanged tens of thousands of civil servants, Justin Trudeau said Wednesday.

The prime minister said it was unacceptable that a "troubling number" of civil servants have not received paycheques as a result of problems with the Phoenix system.

"We are working right away on helping the most vulnerable while we make sure that the system functions for everyone," Trudeau said at a news conference in Gatineau, Que.

"And it's something I have engaged in personally and tasked the clerk of the Privy Council to oversee."

It was revealed this week that more than 80,000 civil servants are impacted by the snafu. Among them are 720 people who haven't received paycheques, in some cases for months, forcing many to borrow money or max out credit cards to pay their bills.

Unions representing federal workers have demanded that those responsible for implementing the new system be held accountable for the breakdown, but the prime minister said sorting out whether anyone should face consequences is taking a back seat, for now, to ensuring people get paid.

"There will be time for 'lessons learned' down the road," said Trudeau.

"We're taking this very, very seriously and ensuring that people get the support and the pay that they are owed."

What will also have to wait is sorting out whether government employees were out-of-pocket for credit card charges and other expenses directly linked to the pay problems.

The CBC also reported that a glitch in the system has allowed widespread access to employees' personnel records, including social insurance numbers, citing documents obtained under the Access to Information Act.

That potential privacy breach could result in legal action against the government if anyone's private information was compromised, said Gilles LeVasseur at the University of Ottawa's Telfer School of Management.

"If something is misused for whatever reason, and it's a leak that you have concealed or not properly dealt with, you're also liable for future consequences," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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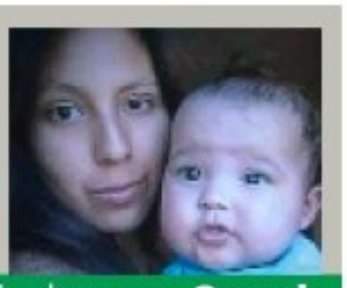


Thousands of indigenous families ineligible for child benefit cheques. **Canada**

City still one of the safest

Ottawa's crime severity index jumped four per cent in 2015 but is still lower than most Canadian cities

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Violent crime is up in the capital, but we're still doing better than most Canadian cities.

That's according to Statistics Canada, which released its 2015 Crime Severity Index data Wednesday. The index is calculated by looking at crime rates in specific categories, eg. violent crime, so minor crimes don't skew the numbers. That's different from the traditional crime rate, which treats all crimes the same to calculate a per-capita rate.

That would explain why the Ottawa Police annual report found a two per cent drop in Ottawa's crime rate in 2015, while the local crime severity index jumped four per cent.

Our violent crime severity index jumped nearly eight per cent in 2015, compared to six per cent nationally.

There's been growing concern about gang violence in Ottawa, which broke records with 49 shootings in 2014. There were seven murders in 2015, a number we've already outpaced by two in 2016 so far.

Still, Ottawa had one of the lowest CSI increases of the 20 cities where it went up last year. Calgary jumped the most at 29 per cent, followed by Moncton at 20 per cent and Victoria and Edmonton at 16 per cent.

At 46.5, Ottawa's CSI remains one of the lowest in the country after Quebec City, Barrie and Toronto, according to StatsCan.

And that's half of what it was in 1999. That year, Ottawa's CSI was 96.7. It dropped more than 12 per cent the following year, and continued its downward trend over the next decade and a half.

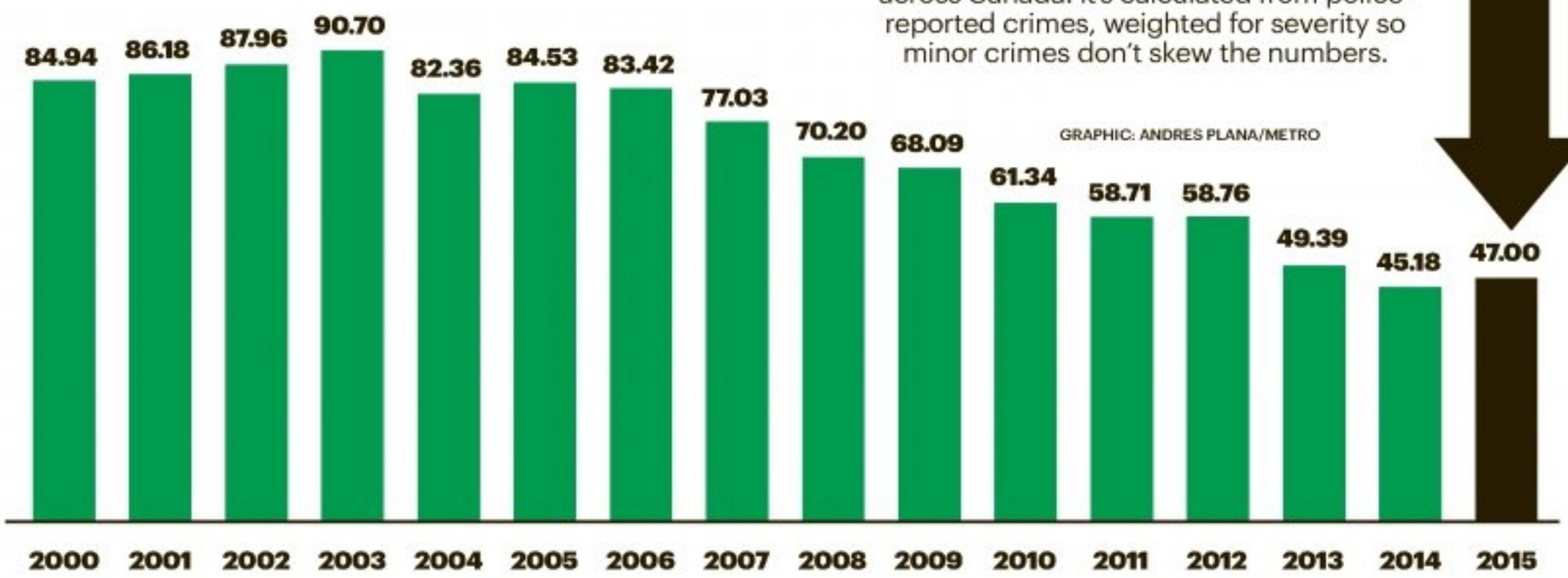
It dropped nearly nine per cent in 2008, and another 10 per cent in 2010.

In 2013, it fell a full 15 per cent, more than ever before.

It also went down more than eight per cent in 2014, despite the city's rash of shootings.

CRIME SEVERITY INDEX

The index measures the amount and severity of crimes in cities and provinces across Canada. It's calculated from police-reported crimes, weighted for severity so minor crimes don't skew the numbers.



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VIOLENT CRIME SEVERITY INDEX
(including uttering threats, criminal harassment and forcible confinement)

2000	2015	Per cent change over 2014:
81.55	54.68	+7.91%

NON-VIOLENT CRIME SEVERITY INDEX
(includes all non-violent Criminal Code violations including traffic, as well as drug violations and all Federal Statutes.)

2000	2015	Per cent change over 2014:
86.25	44.1	+2.37%

CITY COMPARISON
Highlights of cities across Canada

Calgary	Moncton	Edmonton	Quebec	Thunder Bay
+29%	+20%	+16%	-6%	-11%

PUBLIC WARNING

Police brace for largest Hells Angels meetup in nation's history

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Police forces in the National Capital Region are bracing for the largest Hells Angels gathering in Canadian history, as hundreds of bikers ride into Ottawa over the weekend.

As many as 700 bikers from across the country will gather at the Hells Angels clubhouse on Piperville Road in Carlsbad Springs for the mandatory meetup.

"I don't believe that they're going to be causing as much disturbance as people would expect," said Ottawa police Insp. Michel Marin. "They are generally advised, by their own leaders, that they are to be on their best behaviour."

However, police are still taking precautions. The Ontario Provincial Police, Ottawa police, Gatineau police, and the Sûreté du Quebec will all be on high alert for any issues on either side of the Ottawa River.

Marin would not provide many details on the operation, including the number of police officers involved. However, he said many Ottawa police officers had their "time off cancelled" for the weekend. The bikers are expected to frequent bars, restaurants, and hotels throughout the city. The club members typically gather for a "family photo" and police hope it's not at Parliament Hill.

Police are warning the public to limit their interaction with anyone wearing a Hells Angels patch and are asking everyone to "share the road" as they bikers come rolling in.

"We're asking the public to call if there's anything suspicious. We're going to have high visibility, high police presence and they'll be aware of our presence," said Marin.

The Hells Angels meet every four years for a mandatory "Canada Run" gathering. This year, eleven chapters in Ontario will also be celebrating their 15th anniversary. The first Canadian chapter launched in Montreal in 1977.

OPP Det. Staff Sgt. Len Isnor, an operations co-ordinator with the biker enforcement unit, said the Hells Angels voted to hold the Canada Run in Ottawa.

"They're going to use this opportunity to demonstrate to the public that they are who they are," he said, later adding, "Of course, having the numbers here and riding through the community, it's going to have an impact."

INVESTIGATION

Woman found dead at Innes Road jail

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa police are investigating the overnight death of an inmate at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre on Innes Road.

Police spokesman Const. Chuck Benoit said police were called after a female inmate was found with no vital signs in the jail at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Police are not officially confirming the age or identity of the woman, but media reports have identified her as a 34-year-old.

She was reportedly scheduled to appear in court at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday and had a long history of drug-related arrests.

Denis Collin, president of the union representing guards at the jail, said the death was not suspicious.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services said it would not comment.

"I can confirm that a female inmate passed away at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre overnight," said spokesperson Brent Ross. "Given this matter is the subject of multiple investigations, it would be inappropriate to speak to any further details."

Ross said the next steps will depend on the coroner's investigation. If the death is determined to be anything other than natural causes a mandatory inquest will be held. If the death was due to natural causes, the coroner determines whether or not an inquest should be called.

Conditions at the jail have been under intense scrutiny since a provincial task force was created to address overcrowding. The task force released 42 recommendations in June, finding that inmates were being double and triple bunked and sometimes slept in showers.

In April the Ontario Ombudsman's office found that 60 per cent of complaints about the jail over the past year were related to access to health care.

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Heather Gibson was previously the executive director of the Halifax Jazz Festival. COURTESY TIMOTHY RICHARD

NAC's new producer

ARTS

Popular series gains a Halifax industry vet

Lucy Scholey
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Heather Gibson knows how to find a microphone and stage for budding musicians.

The executive director of the Halifax Jazz Festival, and a well-known mover-and-shaker in the East Coast music scene, is moving to Ottawa to take up the torch as the new producer of NAC Presents.

She's replacing long-time National Arts Centre employee Simone Deneau, who announced her retirement earlier this year.

Deneau launched the NAC Presents series five years ago to give emerging and established Canadian artists a step up on the national stage.

Sarah McLachlan, Hey Rosetta!, A Tribe Called Red, Kellylee Evans, and Kalle Mattson have all played for the series.

Gibson has built a name on giving musicians a boost out east. Originally from Manitoba, she moved to Halifax to study at Dalhousie University. She stuck around for about 24 years, kick-starting an artist and concert booking company, KHG Management. She still manages Thom Swift and her close friend, Juno Award winner Amelia Curran.

In 2005, she founded the In the Dead of Winter Music Festival. Paul Symes, owner of the Black Sheep Inn in Wakefield, has since adopted that folk fest.

"The audience has been great. They seem to be very receptive to seeing music they don't know, which is a really good sign for something like NAC Presents," said Gibson. "We're largely programming artists that either haven't been to the region or they're very close to unknown."

Shortly after launching In the Dead of Winter, the City of Halifax suddenly shut down a popular music venue that Gibson managed, the Khyber Club.

"There was a vacuum in the city for places for emerging artists to play for the first or second time," she said.

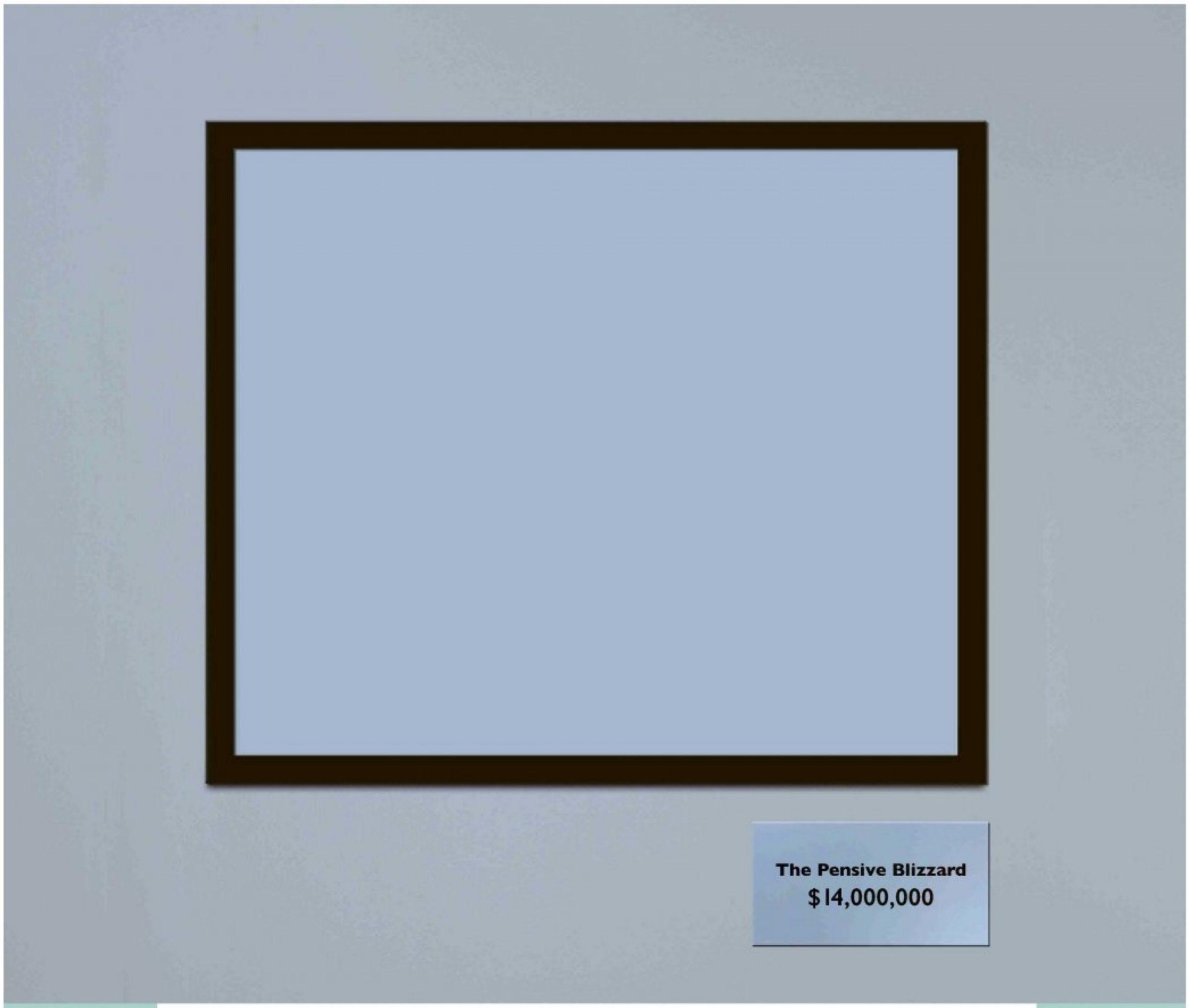
So in 2009, she cofounded a new music venue, the Company House, as a new home for those young musicians. She coincidentally sold the club last month, before she got the call from the NAC. Around the same time she opened the Company House, she took over the Halifax Jazz Festival as executive director. It was a smaller, volunteer-run festival with a modest $635,000 budget and a $200,000-odd deficit, she said.

This year, the festival finished with $2.1 million and no deficit, said Gibson. Lauryn Hill played before a sold-out crowd last weekend.

"It's nice to leave on that high note," said Gibson.

She's starting her new job at the NAC on Sept. 20.

Deneau has already planned the 2016-2017 NAC Presents season. The first half was announced earlier this year. The second half will be announced on Oct. 14.



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The people behind the beer: Dylan (left), Nick and Vicki, the Crooked Mile Brewing team.
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OPENINGS

Almonte crew on a straight path to success with Brit brews

THE BOTTLENECK

Jordan Duff

Almonte, about 40 kilometres southwest of Ottawa, is named after a Mexican General who fought at the Battle of the Alamo and is the birthplace of the inventor of basketball, James Naismith.

Mexican war-hero, American pastime, why not add a new brewery that focuses on traditional British-styled beers? Perfect.

Nick Pruiksma, his wife Vicki, and their business partner Dylan Bouleau, will open Crooked Mile Brewing in picturesque Almonte later this summer. All three are experienced home-brewers and are excited to open a community-focused brewery in the former mill town.

The name for the brewery comes from an old English nursery rhyme: "There was a crooked man, and he walked a crooked mile ... "

Replicating the relaxed British pub atmosphere is the goal of the establishment. Crooked Mile hopes to become that central social hub for the community by creating a welcoming and comfortable environment.

The brewery will serve beer for take-away in bottles, growlers and, eventually, cans. The tasting bar will be where locals can take up a stool and enjoy real cask ales and fresh draught.

> **Every day I run into someone who tells me how excited they are.**
> Nick Pruiksma

Though the 613 brewing industry has been wholly welcoming, Cassel Brewery's Mario Bourgeois has earned a gold star (and probably a few pints) for his help and guidance. Crooked Mile are excited to be part of the industry and to someday be in a position to be the ones helping a new brewery get off the ground.

Not that Pruiksma isn't excited for his beer, but he's even more excited to meet more people in the community.

"Literally, every day I run into someone who tells me how excited they are that we are opening a brewery in Almonte and how much they are looking forward to trying our beer and that is really exciting for us," said Pruiksma.

Once they are running full steam ahead in August or September, their beers will be available directly from the brewery in Almonte as well as local restaurants and pubs. Until then, follow the journey online: @CrookedMileBeer and crookedmile.ca.

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Gurpreet Ronald, left, and Bhupinderpal Gill had both pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder when they were charged by Ottawa police in April 2014. FACEBOOK;JOE LOFARO/METRO

Accused Gill killers found guilty

COURT

Grieving family to scatter victim's ashes across India

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

Applause quickly turned to tears among Jagtar Gill's family as unanimous guilty verdicts were handed down for both her killers.

Gill's husband Bhupinderpal Gill and his former mistress Gurpreet Ronald were each found guilty of first-degree murder for her death, and sentenced to life in prison.

The 12-person jury delivered the decision to a packed courtroom Wednesday morning.

Both accused had pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Gill was slain Jan. 29, 2014, in her Barrhaven home on her 17th wedding anniversary. She was 43 and a mother to three children aged 15, 10, and eight at the time.

More than 20 family members packed the court room to hear the verdict, and burst out in cheers and applause when each verdict was read.

But the day was far from happy.

"The pain never leaves us," said Gill's niece Ramandeep Chahal, who delivered a victim impact statement on behalf of Gill's elderly parents.

"Jagtar was a dedicated and loving daughter, mother and sister, and this brutal murder destroyed her life and left us all in irreparable loss and suffering."

Jagtar's father, Ajit Singh, and mother, Jagir Kaur, sat in the front row during the proceedings. Singh led a brief final prayer for his daughter as the family filed out of the courtroom.

Out in the lobby, many of Jagtar's family members collapsed in tears, sobbing and hugging as they processed the final outcome of the nine-week trial

Chahal called her aunt "selfless," noting Gill never missed a niece or nephew's birthday.

"She always wanted to give more to everyone, more than she could afford, more than she could handle," Chahal said. "She never asked for anything in return."

> **This brutal murder destroyed her life and left us all in irreparable loss.**
> Ramandeep Chahal

With life sentences for Bhupinderpal Gill and Ronald, Jagtar's three children are now parentless.

Chahal wouldn't say much about their whereabouts, only that they're with family.

"I think they're doing the best anyone can do in the situation," she said. "They've lost their mother and today we just saw they lost their father, as well."

Justice Julianne Parfett delivered the life sentences shortly after the victim impact statement was read.

Neither accused will be eligible for parole for 25 years.

TECHNOLOGY

Police lay charges in Pokémon app crimes

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa now has its share of Pokémon Go-related crime stories. Police say they made two arrests following the city's first Pokémon Go swarming near city hall — close to the site of a luring party at Confederation Park on Tuesday.

At 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning a man and women were playing Pokémon Go on their games outside city hall. They were approached by two teens — one who targeted the man's phone and another who targeted the woman's phone.

One suspect managed to grab the man's phone and run, but was pursued to the Rideau Canal where the suspect was arrested by military police. The second thief struggled with the woman to steal her phone but fled empty-handed.

Mohamed Ouedraogo, 19, of Ottawa, is charged with robbery. The second suspect, 17, was charged with single counts each of theft under $5,000 and breach of recognizance and is a young offender. Both suspects will appear in court on July 20.

A woman plays Pokémon Go on her phone. HALEY RITCHIE / METRO

Earlier that night, around 10:15 p.m. on Tuesday, officers ticketed a Pokémon Go player who was walking down the middle of Carp Road. That person faces a $30 fine for walking in an unsafe area, said Const. Chuck Benoit.

"It's not about the game. It's about their own personal safety," he said, adding players should "be aware of their surroundings."

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Indigenous children are missing out on benefits

POVERTY

Thousands on reserves aren't eligible due to no taxes filed

Chantal Perrault and her five-month-old baby Harlow, from the Red Gut First Nation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The first monthly Canada child benefit cheques, worth up to $533 per child, went out to more than 3 million homes Wednesday.

But because 18-year-old Chantal Perrault has never filed a tax return, her five-month-old baby Harlow is missing out.

"Wow, that is a lot of money. It would buy a lot of baby formula," she said in a phone interview from Red Gut First Nation reserve near Fort Frances, Ont., where she lives in band housing with Harlow's father, grandparents and two cousins.

Perrault is among thousands of indigenous parents on reserves who don't regularly file tax returns, and therefore aren't eligible to receive the income-based benefit aimed at lifting about 300,000 Canadian children out of poverty.

The benefit is expected to help about 8,000 indigenous children escape poverty. But 16,000 would be helped if all parents on reserve filed their taxes, The Canadian Press reported.

Indigenous children are twice as likely to live in poverty as non-aboriginal kids, according to a recent study by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, which found poverty rates among First Nations children living on reserves are about 60 per cent.

Canada Revenue Agency doesn't track the percentage of tax filers on reserve, but a small 2010 study put the number as high as 50 per cent.

Families with net annual incomes below $30,000 receive the maximum $6,400 a year for each child under age six and $5,400 per child for those from age six through 17.

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> Chantal Perrault

Numerous government departments are working together to create greater awareness of federal benefits and to held individuals file taxes, said a spokesman for Families, Children and Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, who is in charge of the program.

"Minister Duclos has discussed this issue with indigenous leaders and has asked Service Canada to reach out to indigenous communities to support access to needed documents," Mathieu Filion added, referring to social insurance numbers and birth certificates. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Halifax city Coun. Gloria McCluskey is catching Pokémon and naming

She's a Halifax councillor

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Long-time councillor and former Dartmouth mayor Gloria McCluskey is claiming a new title: "princess of Pokémon."

I met up with McCluskey in the backyard of her Victoria Road home on Wednesday afternoon to chat about her newfound love of the Pokémon Go app, which she has yet to download but said she's been playing via her son's account.

"I know somebody who walked 5.5 (kilometres) the other day who never walks. It's great," McCluskey said, referring to how players of the game need to move around to catch Pokémon or hatch special eggs.

Although McCluskey said she's not sure what Pokémon she has previously caught, it "wasn't very big."

"Some of them are big and ugly. I'm going to name the councillors

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her colleagues after them. JEFF HARPER/METRO

and 'princess of Pokémon'

after them," McCluskey said.

"I have one for Waye (Mason), it's 'Ratta-something,' " she added with a laugh about the Halifax councillor, a frequent sparring partner across the council table.

She was recently asked if she was the only councillor using the game, at which she scoffed and answered, "I'm the princess of Pokémon."

"No one's on there. I know I'm the coolest one; the oldest but the coolest," McCluskey laughed.

Since no Pokémon were hanging in McCluskey's backyard, I walked down the sunny sidewalk with the councillor towards the closest Poké gym to see if we spotted any along the way.

McCluskey waved to a woman who pulled up in a car as we passed a stop sign, and yelled out that she was playing Pokémon Go. The woman laughed and said, "We are too right now!" as a kid in the passenger seat held up their phone.

FRANCE

Student killed in Nice had 'so much life'

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Flags at MacEwan University were at half staff Wednesday in remembrance of Mykhaylo Bazelevskyy, known as Misha.

"He had his feet in every single community that he could have, whether it was athletics, student clubs, volunteering or academic endeavours," said Danika McConnell, president of the student's association.

"It seemed like everyone knew his name and knew his face, he was a leader and a friend."

Bazelevskyy, 22, was out to watch the fireworks in Nice, France last Thursday when a man plowed a 19-tonne truck into the crowd gathered to celebrate Bastille Day.

Bazelevskyy was among the 84 killed.

The Ukrainian business student was studying in Edmonton, and was in Nice for a three-week program at the European Innovation Academy, along with four other MacEwan students and a member of the faculty. All others from the school in Nice are safe.

Mykhaylo (Misha) Bazelevskyy EUROPEAN INNOVATION ACADEMY/TWITTER

Although he went missing immediately, his death was confirmed Tuesday by authorities.

Bazelevskyy had embraced student life at MacEwan. He worked as a resident adviser, ran for the cross-country team and served on student government.

In a statement, MacEwan president David Atkinson said the school will continue to offer any assistance they can to Bazelevskyy's family.

"There is no greater loss to a university than a student who has so much life and promise ahead of him."

IN BRIEF

Post-Daesh challenges come into focus

With a military victory over Daesh in sight, Canada and its allies are focusing on what comes next — keeping Iraq together and stopping the spread of terror. Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion and Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan were in Washington, where they and heard that the fight against Daesh was going better than expected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

QUEBEC

Group to begin testing Zika vaccine

A Quebec City-based research team has received the green light to begin testing a Zika vaccine on humans in collaboration with U.S.-based partners.

The researchers based at Universite Laval are the first in Canada to be authorized by Health Canada and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to conduct clinical tests.

The university is one of three sites that hope to begin testing a vaccine for the mosquito-borne virus in the next few days.

The first phase of study involves administering the vaccine to 40 volunteers in Quebec City, Miami and Philadelphia.

Aedes aegypti mosquito

"In phase 1 we're looking only at safety and immunogenicity, or the building of immune protection," said Gary Kobinger, director of Universite Laval's Infectious Disease Research Centre.

"We look at immune responses in those volunteers and compare those to immune responses we have documented in animals that were protected from the infection."

The team is looking to recruit between 10 and 15 healthy volunteers for the Canadian portion of the study.

Kobinger said the DNA-based vaccine has already been tested "extensively" on cells and animals such as mice, guinea pigs and primates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Many victims in Nice foreigners, Muslims

Now that the last bodies from the Bastille Day attack have been identified by authorities, it is clear that although the carnage happened on French soil, it disproportionately affected tourists and Muslims.

Among the 84 dead, 38 were from 19 different countries, announced the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They were from as close as Italy and Algeria and as far away as Madagascar and Brazil, and included Ukrainian citizen Mykhaylo Bazelevskyy, who had permanent resident status in Canada as a student. If the 200 wounded are included, the number of countries rises to 29, said a ministry spokesman, Romain Nadal.

No official count of Muslim victims exists, but Samy Boubakri, an imam at the Bon Voyage Mosque in Nice, says there were at least 25 Muslims from the local community among the victims. That number rises to 35 if foreign Muslims are included, he said.

"Muslims make up only 7 per cent of the population of France, but at least 30 per cent of the victims of the attack," he said.

Ever since the morning after the attacks, senior members of the Islamic community have been present at the hospitals to console victims' families, lead prayers and offer counselling. Boubakri put his cellphone number on Facebook and promised to answer 24 hours a day.

Beyond spiritual support, the imams have had to step into an unexpected role: defending Islam from angry members of the public who accuse it of being the cause of terrorism.

"It hurts me when people tell me to go back to where I came from. I was born in France, grew up in France. I was educated in France. What do we have to do to finally be accepted as French?" asked Boubakri, who is also a member of the regional Union of Independent Islamic Institutions.

As 42,000 people gathered on the Promenade des Anglais on Monday for a moment of silence, tensions continued to flare. Several acrimonious exchanges between Muslims and non-Muslims were caught on video and posted to Twitter, going viral in minutes.

A small group of people booed Prime Minister Manuel Valls, calling him an "assassin" for failing to assure adequate security for the Bastille Day celebrations.

The state of emergency, which has been in force since the Paris attacks, was scheduled to be lifted next week, but it was extended six months. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A memorial along the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, southern France on Wednesday. CLAUDE PARIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A law-enforcement officer tries to extinguish a burning American flag on Wednesday in Cleveland, during the third day of the Republican convention. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Convention sees most turbulent day of protest

U.S. ELECTION

17 arrested as officers face assaults: Police

Police arrested 17 people Wednesday after a melee broke out during a flag-burning in the streets outside the Republican National Convention.

It was the most turbulent protest since the four-day convention began on Monday. The chaos briefly prevented delegates and members of the media from getting into the Quicken Loans Arena for the proceedings.

Among those arrested was Gregory "Joey" Johnson, whose torching of the flag at a GOP convention three decades ago led to the landmark Supreme Court decision that said flag-burning is speech protected by the First Amendment.

Two officers were assaulted and suffered minor injuries, police said. Two of those arrested were charged with felonious assault on a police officer, the rest with failure to disperse.

Police Chief Calvin Williams said a protester whose pants caught fire got defensive when a police officer tried to put out the blaze. The man assaulted the officer, and "things escalated from there," Williams said.

The melee brought to 22 the number of people arrested during the convention, far fewer than some had feared.

"Right now, I think so far, so good," Williams said.

Carl Dix of the Revolutionary Communist Party said the group organized the burning of the American flag as a "political statement about the crimes of the American empire. There's nothing great about America."

Moments after the flag was set on fire, officers charged in to put it out with an extinguishing spray that some in the crowd thought was pepper spray because of eye irritation caused by the fire-suppression substance.

"You're on fire! You're on fire, stupid!" a Cleveland officer shouted at a protester while firing the extinguishing spray.

"Burn that rag! Burn that rag!" supporters of the group yelled.

Pushing and shoving broke out, and police quickly had several group members on the ground in handcuffs. Some in the crowd jeered the officers, yelling, "Blue lives murder!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PLAGIARISM ALLEGATIONS

Speechwriter admits error

A speechwriter for Donald Trump's company said Wednesday she made a mistake in using passages from a 2008 Michelle Obama speech in the Republican Party convention speech delivered by Melania Trump.

In a statement issued by the campaign, Meredith McIver took the blame but made it clear that Mrs. Trump knew the passages were from the first lady's speech.

Questions about plagiarism hung over the opening days of the convention. The statement came after the campaign spent two days insisting that it wasn't plagiarism and calling criticism absurd. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATTEMPTED COUP

Turkey declares a state of emergency

Turkey's president on Wednesday declared a three-month state of emergency following a botched coup attempt, declaring he would rid the military of the "virus" of subversion and giving the government sweeping powers to expand a crackdown that has already included mass arrests and the closure of hundreds of schools.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who was accused of autocratic conduct before the insurrection, said the measure would counter threats to Turkish democracy. Possibly anticipating investor jitters, Erdogan criticized Standard & Poor's for downgrading its credit rating for Turkey deeper into "junk" status and said the country would remain financially disciplined.

The president did not announce details, but the security measure could facilitate longer detentions for many of the nearly 10,000 people who have been rounded up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIKILEAKS

Access to the Wikileaks website in Turkey has been blocked after the group announced, following a failed coup by the military, that it would release documents on the country's power structure.

DAY 3

This guy wants to be vice-president of U.S.

Michael D. Landingham
STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

Michael D. Landingham says Donald Trump could still unite the country if he swapped his running mate Mike Pence for … Michael D. Landingham.

The Cleveland native was in the streets Tuesday talking to anyone who would listen.

"A young black man like myself there would bring people together," Landingham said. "Someone who knows about the struggles between police and African Americans."

Landingham said the gulf between law enforcement and the black community was "a big misunderstanding on both parts because of the fear-mongering media."

He said he wasn't sure what Trump actually stood for beyond building a wall with Mexico and opening a new investigation into 9/11.

"I want to say right off the bat, we would have to discuss some things, probably over dinner and a glass of wine so he could see inside my head, I could see inside his head," Landingham said.

Who would pick up the bill?

"I will just to, you know, but we will have to go to McDonald's."

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Freer trade tops premiers meeting

WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Interprovincial deal close, says B.C. Premier Christy Clark

B.C. Premier Christy Clark, President of the Native Women's Association Dawn Lavell-Harvard and Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall at the meeting of premiers in Whitehorse, Yukon.
JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Provincial and territorial premiers say there's a high degree of support for an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women.

The premiers are in Whitehorse for their annual summer meeting. They were talking with indigenous leaders on Wednesday before two days of discussions about other issues expected to include freer trade across jurisdictional boundaries.

Host premier Darrell Pasloski said Tuesday the leaders are focused on an agreement that would allow provinces and territories to do business with each other in the same way Canada trades with other countries with which it has free-trade deals.

"It's ridiculous you can't buy B.C. wine in Ontario when you can buy it almost anywhere else around the world," said B.C. Premier Christy Clark.

Clark said the interprovincial deal is close, but only after intense negotiations.

"President (Barack) Obama says democracy means compromising even when you are 100 per cent right," she said. "And what's happened around the table is every province has been convinced they're 100 per cent right, but nonetheless has found a way to compromise."

B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan signed their own free-trade alliance, the New West Partnership, in 2010 to improve labour mobility and cut bureaucracy. It was fully implemented in 2013.

The premiers are also expected to discuss health care, climate change and pension reform.

Political scientist Hamish Telford said the meetings allow the premiers to map strategy and coordinate their approaches to the federal government on issues.

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FRANCE CONTROVERSIAL LABOUR BILL FORCED THROUGH PARLIAMENT Protesters hold placards reading "Everybody hates the labour law" in Paris earlier this month. France adopted a deeply divisive labour bill Wednesday after the government used a special measure to force it through Parliament without a vote, ending months of often violent protests and damaging political division. Prime Minister Manuel Valls argued in Parliament that the bill — which weakens union powers, makes layoffs easier and extends the work week — is necessary to create jobs and make the economy more competitive. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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DISCOUNT TRAVEL

NewLeaf airline allows bids on unsold seats

Canada's newest discount airline says it will let travellers bid on unsold seats.

NewLeaf says the idea is part of a partnership with Calgary-based company Jump On Flyaways.

Roger Jewitt, CEO of Jump On, says there are a lot of airline seats that fly empty every year because airlines use complicated revenue management techniques to maximize their seat revenue. He says Jump On's business model is to collect bids on the potentially unsold seats, and let the airlines consider the best bid.

He says it is conceivable a person could be the only bidder on a particular seat and get the flight for $1, though the company's website notes air travel partners will consider "reasonable" bids and can decline them.

Jump On opened its online portal for NewLeaf's 11 routes on July 19. The travel company's destinations include Saskatoon, Regina, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Abbotsford, Hamilton, Halifax, Kamloops, Moncton, Kelowna and Victoria.

NewLeaf is the first airline to partner with Jump On to offer seat bidding.

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Jim Young, president and CEO of NewLeaf Travel, speaks to media in Winnipeg. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FOOD

Listeria fear prompts hot dog, corn dog recall

More than 372,000 pounds of hot dogs and corn dogs made between July 10 and 13 are being recalled over concerns of listeria contamination.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says Bar-S Foods is recalling five chicken and pork products, including bun-length and classic franks made with chicken and pork, classic corn dogs and Signature Pick 5 corn dogs.

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GILBERT NGABO ON CANADA'S GOOD EXAMPLE

The immigration tradition we've built in this country is special and has made us a model for the world, but it could fall apart if we don't work to maintain it.

There's a primary school in western Berlin where certain students are obliged to come in later and leave earlier than other students.

That group is composed of children of recent immigrants, mainly refugees from Syria, Eritrea, Iraq and Afghanistan. They're members of what's known in German education circles as "welcome classes."

When I and 17 other international journalists visited the school late last month — part of a conference on an invitation from the German Federal Foreign Office to learn about the country's immigration and integration policies — a welcome-class teacher explained the bizarre scheduling: others at the school "are afraid" of the unknown. Because the new kids are immigrants and don't speak German yet, they're completely separated from other students at school, to avoid any potential conflicts.

To me, that stood in contrast to what integration efforts look like in Canada. In Toronto, I've met with and reported on Syrian refugees, and I've seen how kids thrive studying and socializing with other children. The welcome-classes suggested to me that the immigration tradition we've built in Canada, which is special and has made us a model for the rest of the world, could fall apart if we don't work to maintain it. If separating schoolchildren could become necessary in Germany — a prosperous liberal democracy whose population is 20 per cent recent immigrants, a country that has opened its doors to about a million Syrian refugees — it could happen here.

There are dangerous sentiments in this country, and we do ourselves no favours by ignoring them.

Having lived in Toronto for the past six years, I'm used to seeing a true picture of multiculturalism. Stand at any corner of the downtown street, and you're likely to see Asian, black, Indian, Caucasian or Arab people. That isn't a common sight on a Berlin street. Every time I took a stroll around, it was easy to feel like a stranger, except once when I stumbled upon a group of guys watching soccer at a makeshift beach on a sidewalk, which I quickly joined. Sports has a way of easing things. How uncomfortable would a Syrian male, who speaks no German and no English, feel on such streets?

A woman holds a placard during a Pegida demonstration in February. Far-right movements are ascendant all over Europe. AP

Other factors would create discomfort, too. In Dresden, a city 200 kilometres south of Berlin, a radical movement, Pegida, is ascendant. Known for its inflammatory rhetoric against what its ringleaders call "Islamization" of the West, the group has, since its modest Facebook launch in 2014, attracted hundreds of thousands of active followers on its social media. Every Monday morning, no less than 2,000 people storm the city's streets, spreading xenophobic and Islamophobic messages: "Stop Islamization of Europe." "Rape culture is being imported." "Stop the invasion." "Refugees, go home."

If you want to dismiss them as just a bunch of rogue members of the society, think again. Political science professor Werner Patzelt of Dresden Technical University, who recently published a book about the movement, believes Pegida has grown as a result of the country's failure to secure social coherence on immigration and integration matters. He says Pegida has derived even more legitimacy, in the eyes of ordinary citizens, from the growing number of terrorist attacks, especially when someone of an immigrant background is involved. The fear produced by the attacks is powerful.

And the fear lives here, too. Yes, it's true that when Canada recently worked around the clock to bring in 25,000 Syrian refugees, the policy was met internally with more public applause than criticism. And it's also true that my fellow delegates at the week-long conference in Germany marvelled when I told them of the many local community initiatives working to make refugees feel welcome and fully integrated in Canada. But what I didn't mention there were the occasional racist incidents: a hijab-wearing woman being assaulted, a mosque being torched, people being told to "go back" wherever they came from.

By and large, we do a great and enviable job of making immigrants feel welcome, but we don't always do a great job of admitting, either to ourselves or to the rest of the world, the ways in which we fall short. We may not have politicians openly calling for the building of an actual border wall or the deportation of Muslims. We may not have schools openly cordoning off refugee students from other kids. We may not have large public assemblies against immigration. But there are dangerous sentiments in this country, just as there are anywhere else, and we do ourselves no favours by ignoring them.

There's no reason why what is now a small, hateful minority could not, under certain circumstances, or given a certain chain of events, gain wider influence. Terrorist attacks on our own soil, an uptick in homegrown radicalization, a Trump presidency south of the border — any or all of these could have negative impacts on Canada's overall attitude towards immigration.

It's up to every one of us to continue maintaining a uniquely Canadian system that is the envy of the world.

Gilbert Ngabo is a reporter for Metro Toronto

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

For indigenous women, the pain of daily life can't be conveyed in statistics

Last month, on June 8, a new and much-lauded survey charted what one indigenous activist called "a growing awareness" among Canadians of indigenous issues.

"Sympathy for aboriginals rising: survey" read The Globe and Mail's headline, adding that three quarters of Canadians want to "see social and economic disparities addressed."

That same day, news broke in Calgary of body parts found in a park. They would turn out to be part of the remains of Joey English, a 25-year-old indigenous woman.

Police have not ruled her death a homicide. Instead, a man, Joshua Jordan Weise, stands accused of offering an indignity to human remains. It's alleged English died in his home and he dismembered her body and sought to hide it. Police have not yet said how she died.

Stephanie, English's mother, says she feels betrayed by the justice system. She criticized the prosecutor for allowing Weise out on bail and she's launched a "Justice for Joey English" group.

"There is no compassion to how it's being done," she told me. "I honestly believe if we were white, our case would have been dealt with and we would have closure."

She still has not received her daughter's remains, in order to bury them.

And while she has praise for Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, Stephanie says she was "brushed away" by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau when she tried to tell him about her daughter's case at an event in Calgary over the weekend.

"I don't need his apologies. He can give those to my mother and the ones who went to residential school. What he can do is really look at my granddaughter, and ask if this is going to happen to my granddaughter when she grows up."

The loss in the English family has been great. Joey's sister died of what police deemed suicide. Two other family members were murdered, and two more died from suicide, according to Joey's cousin, Brailon English. Stephanie told me she believes her daughter would still be alive if she'd received more help to treat an addiction.

"Now I sit in that category where my girls are statistics," she says. "That is so heartbreaking."

Statistics — of violence, incarceration, education, health and poverty of Canada's Indigenous — are often what we see. Individual stories don't often break out into the national consciousness. Joey English has not been a national news story. But she and her family are part of the actual lives and pain that we choose to talk about in numbers, a tactic that defangs, sanitizes, and silences their stories.

Their stories are one to listen to, carefully. They tell not just of suffering but of well-earned distrust.

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LITERATURE

Canadian fan authors find mainstream success at last

Genna Buck
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For years, Michelle Osgood spent her weekends and evenings writing online stories based on the MTV series Teen Wolf, dreaming of getting published one day.

Then the 27-year-old full-time secretary visited a friend's cute apartment. She started thinking about the kind of character who would live there — and her first original work of fiction was born.

The resulting novel, The Better to Kiss You With, came out in April. It shares elements with her fanfiction: It's a Vancouver-set paranormal lesbian romance, with plenty of werewolves.

"I probably would not have even tried a mainstream publisher," Osgood said.

She turned to Interlude Press, which was founded specifically to help writers like her, with a following online, to cross over to the broader world of books.

Veteran ghostwriter and editor Annie Harper started Interlude in 2014 with two fellow superfans she met on Tumblr, reading and writing fanfiction based on the TV show Glee.

She got the idea at a conference after an executive from Simon & Schuster said fanfiction was telling publishers what people want to read, but aren't getting — that it's a harbinger of literary trends to come.

Interlude doesn't print fanfiction scrubbed of references to source material, à la Fifty Shades of Grey. Its stories draw from the traditions of fanfiction: LGBTQ romance, references to geek culture and, in the works for adults, a fair amount of explicit sex.

"Fanfiction authors tend to take greater risks. They have so much freedom," Harper said. "A lot of authors with deals are frequently told to diminish or downplay LGBTQ characters."

All Interlude books have LGBTQ themes of some sort, and though the stories contain their fair share of angst, the publisher has a happy-endings-only policy.

The company's young-adult imprint, Duet, recently partnered up with the suicide-prevention charity The Trevor Project on an initiative to get 1,000 copies of The Rules of Ever After, one of its most acclaimed titles, into libraries around the U.S.

Positive LGBTQ stories that don't dwell on sexuality are incredibly important to young queer people, but libraries often don't stock them because they seem to rarely get checked out, Harper explained. Librarians tell her that's not the case: Because of stigma, people read the books in the library, or sneak them out without stopping at the desk.

"Coming-out stories are great, but every story shouldn't' have to be a coming-out story," says Interlude author Naomi MacKenzie, 38, a former photographer who lives with her two teenage sons in Mississauga, Ont.

MacKenzie's young adult novel Lodestones, inspired by her childhood in rural New Brunswick, is a comedy with a huge cast of diverse characters and a romance between two men.

She has written fanfiction for more than a decade, mostly in the worlds of Glee and Harry Potter, but this was her first experience of a rigorous, and she says somewhat tedious, editing process that made her book better.

Osgood, on the other hand, studied English in university and said she "doesn't mind red pen" all over her work.

She's already at work on a sequel. All she'll say about it now is, "It involves a character who shows up at the end."

READ IT

Interlude books available from Canadian authors

The Better to Kiss You With by Michelle Osgood, $19.50
Deanna Scott is geek girl. She has a job moderating a mobile role-playing game about werewolves and a crush on her beautiful, butch upstairs neighbour Jamie. Then one of the game's players starts bombarding her with increasingly threatening messages: "I'm a real werewolf and your game is offensive." Deanna thinks he's just some sad guy with an internet connection. But Jamie knows something she doesn't.

Lodestones by Naomi Mackenzie $20.95

Summer Love (short story collection) by various authors including Winnipegger H.J. Coulter, $20.95

Interlude Press, which has its roots in fanfiction but has grown into a bricks-and-mortar publisher, prints positive LGBTQ stories by authors from around the world, including Canadians Naomi MacKenzie and Michelle Osgood. CONTRIBUTED

> **There are so many great fanfiction authors out there who have trouble getting recognition from publishing houses.**
> Michelle Osgood, novelist

GRAPHIC NOVEL

Compelling but tough to read

Plutona
BY: Jeff Lemire, Emi Lenox and Jordie Bellaire
PUBLISHER: Image Comics, 154 pages, $16.99

Mike Donachie
Metro | Canada

Sometimes a book is hard to read, but compelling at the same time. That's the feeling with Plutona, the tough-yet-tremendous new collection from Image.

It's based on a weird idea. Five kids from the suburbs find the body of Plutona, their city's greatest superhero, lying in the woods.

Unsurprisingly, they don't know what to do. But the events that follow are include several surprises, some of them pretty dark.

The story switches between superheroic hyperbole, for flashback scenes of Plutona, and affecting, ordinary exchanges between the kids as they try to cope with the grim event.

It's all good, but the parts with the children are superb.

As with books like Essex County and Sweet Tooth, Canadian writer Jeff Lemire gives us a story that's full of emotion but doesn't feel in any way overwhelming.

He's a master at this, and the beautiful work of the art team makes this trade paperback, which collects the five-part mini-series for the first time, a special package.

BOOK BRIEF

Gay Ecuadorian author overcomes barriers and publishes novel

As a deaf and gay student in Ecuador, Cesar Baquerizo was bullied and a victim of societal prejudice.

Now, after five years of writing, Pen Name Publishing has released his first novel in English, A Safe Place With You.

The book talks about homosexuality in Ecuador in the '80s, when it was illegal.

"I want to move readers through my words, so they can put themselves in LGBT people's shoes and feel like they are there, in the novel, with my characters," Baquerizo, 30, told the AP in a recent interview.

The book follows a young man named Tomas Diaz and his newly found friends at a conversion therapy clinic in Ecuador, where their families have sent them to "treat" their homosexuality. There, patients are given pills and suffer psychological abuse.

A Safe Place With You was inspired by true events though it is not a memoir.

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What to do when you move to Washington?

INTERVIEW

Writer Jennifer Close pulls from own life in new novel

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

As the Republican Convention in Cleveland dominates headlines and late-night talk-show chatter, for many Washington, D.C., politicos currently working for President Obama, the event marks another kind of personal milestone.

Regardless of who is elected the next American president in October, many staffers will be leaving their jobs, or the city, or politics altogether. Washington author Jennifer Close compares the feeling in the Capitol right now to senior year in college.

"There's a lot of nostalgia already happening, and so many goodbye parties," says Close. "It's the feeling of 'this is the end,' and a whole new group of people will come in, which is so weird about the city."

Close's observations of living in Washington, D.C., are at the centre of her entertaining new novel, The Hopefuls.

After the release of her debut novel, Girls in White Dresses, about a tight-knit trio of women in search of happily ever after, Close had a hard time convincing people that the book wasn't a thinly veiled personal story. With The Hopefuls, she is open about her inspirations: the city and people of Washington.

After Close, a former Condé Nast editor, left New York for D.C. to support her husband as he worked on Barack Obama's first presidential campaign, she found the transition to the new city difficult.

But while she initially disliked her new home and its dominating political culture, she also found it fascinating. And so she began writing a story about a group of characters living in the world's most powerful city, which would eventually become The Hopefuls.

"The first thing I wrote for the book is a rant about how much the character hates D.C.," Close says.

"I think that was really therapeutic for me."

The book's protagonist, Beth, is also a journalist who follows her politically ambitious husband, Matt, to the Capitol. Beth has a long checklist of things she hates about the city: the relentlessly humid weather, the uniform Ann Taylor dresses, the driving culture and the lack of decent bodegas.

Most of all, she is both bored and frustrated with the fact that it's impossible to have a social conversation that doesn't involve politics or BlackBerries.

Beth is inches away from a full-on meltdown when they meet charismatic White House staffer Jimmy, and his wife Ashleigh. The two couples immediately bond, but when Matt becomes Jimmy's campaign manager, ego and ambition creeps into the friendship.

Close's own transition was not as painful as Beth's, in part because she began teaching creative writing at George Washington University (Beth ends up working for a Gawker-style online gossip magazine). She also met a group of women from outside the political circle, and found support in fellow non-political spouses. Even though six years later, she now thinks of Washington as home, she knew her book needed to capture her original outsider's perspective.

"I was really interested in this world," Close says. "A lot of people will never get to see it."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

Jennifer Close, who lives in Washington D.C., took from her own experience moving from NYC to the U.S. capital for The Hopefuls. CONTRIBUTED

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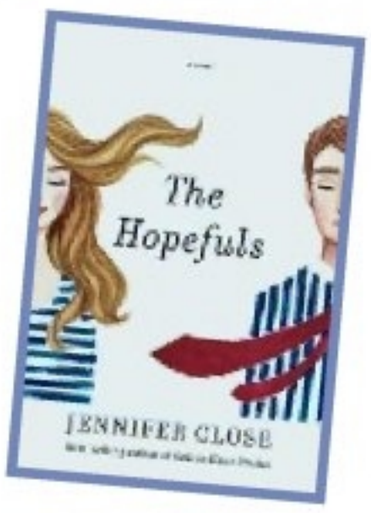
> Jennifer Close on the pre-election feeling in the U.S. capital



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MEET THE CONDO

Living right by the Rideau

SONIA BY THE RIDEAU

CONTRIBUTED

Project overview

Sonia by the Rideau, as its name implies, is located right by the Rideau. The condo, a project by Longwood Building Corporation, will begin construction this September, with occupancy planned for mid-to-late 2018. The relatively affordable prices, make it a good condo investment opportunity.

Location and transit

The condo is quite close to transit routes and Hwy 417 as the new pedestrian bridge linking to Sandy Hill, access to Quebec and not far from the Ottawa Airport. Being close to major routes east and west makes it easy for residents to get downtown or travel around Ottawa.

Housing amenities

The condo units offer 29 different floor plans feature nine-foot ceilings, hardwood flooring and granite counter tops and underground parking. They also include a year of free cable, Internet and home phone. Sonia also has multiple green initiatives, including efficient heating and cooling systems, low-flush toilets and water-efficient showerheads and faucets.

In the area

Located in the neighbourhood of Vanier, it's a changing and growing community, with daily amenities, shops, restaurants, and a number of sports facilities within walking distance. The area offers great trails and bike paths, and residents can enjoy proximity to the ByWard Market, the Rideau Centre and life in downtown Ottawa.

ILANA REIMER/FOR METRO

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Sonia by the Rideau
Builder: Longwood Building Corporation
Designer: Longwood Building Corporation
Location: Corner of Vanier Parkway and McArthur Road
Building: Eight-storey condo
Size: 537 sq. ft. to 1,220 sq. ft.
Pricing: Starting from $219,900
Model: One to two bedrooms, one to two bathrooms
Status: Now selling
Occupancy: 2018
Sales centre: 350 Montgomery St.
Phone: 613-421-9736
Website: soniabytherideau.ca

Shazeen Bandukwala works on dovetails for her box project at The Unplugged Workshop, a class for urban dwellers who like to get their hands dirty. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WOODWORKING

Millennials the do-it-yourself generation

On a muggy June night, the sounds of gentle sawing and pounded mallets ring through a white-walled workspace lined with handsaws, chisels, jack planes and planks of wood — cherry, oak, poplar.

Mumford and Sons' first electric album, Wilder Mind, spins on a record player as amateur woodworkers hunch over their workspaces, carefully measuring and chiselling out joints for their Unplugged Woodshop class project — a basic box.

In this Wednesday night class, half of the six participants are millennial city-dwellers. It's a demographic increasingly drawn to maker culture — and woodworking, specifically — as a way to escape mundane desk jobs and feel the satisfaction of working with their hands, say local woodworkers. Retired suburbanites are out, it seems, and young downtowners are in.

Max Lantz, 29, is among that younger cohort taking the box-making class at Unplugged Workshop in Toronto. He works in advertising right now — it's "extremely unfulfilling," he says — and wants to shift gears into woodworking for a career. The craft is more tactile, he notes.

"The work that you do is of great practical value, either to yourself or someone else."

Those are the type of young people drawn to the Unplugged Woodshop, a hand-tools-only space in a warehouse in Toronto, according to owner Tom Fidgen. Five years ago he started noticing growing interest from a younger demographic. A decade ago, that wasn't the case.

"Most of my clients were, to be frank, retired old white dudes," says Fidgen.

Alongside the woodworking classes popping up in recent years, there is also a push to make tools and spaces more accessible for city-dwellers. It's something the Tool Library in Toronto is tapping into.

Co-founder Lawrence Alvarez attributes the popularity of woodworking to its ability to empower young people.

"In some ways, we lack a lot of control in terms of job selection, places to live — you get priced out of markets — but there are some things you can control."

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Two-time Stanley Cup winner Brad Richards has retired with 298 goals and 634 assists in 1,126 games

Jays bats rattle snakes

MLB

Edwin, Josh rake and Marcus dials in to seal sweep

Power hitting is the norm for the Toronto Blue Jays.

When they add a quality pitching performance, the results are impressive.

Josh Donaldson and Edwin Encarnacion each hit two-run homers and Marcus Stroman went eight strong innings in the Blue Jays' 10-4 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

Donaldson's homer off Patrick Corbin landed in the Chase Field swimming pool in the first inning. Encarnacion's soaring shot off Daniel Hudson, projected at 471 feet, landed far down the walkway beyond the left field seats in the eighth.

"That was the loudest ball I've ever witnessed live in a stadium, by far," Stroman said. "I was under (in the clubhouse) and I ran out and saw where it landed. It was pretty special. He's the man."

It was Encarnacion's 26th home run of the season and ninth in his last eight games at Chase.

"I haven't seen many like that," manager John Gibbons said. "He rakes it in this place."

Stroman (8-4) allowed a run and eight hits to help the Blue Jays sweep the two-game series. He bounced back from a rough outing in Oakland.

"I didn't command the ball as good in Oakland," he said. "Spinning pitches were left kind of more middle. I just had more action on my pitches today."

Edwin Encarnacion rounds the bases after hitting an eighth-inning long-bomb Wednesday. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

WEDNESDAY In Arizona

10	4
BLUE JAYS	D-BACKS

Darwin Barney tripled in two runs and brought another home with a sacrifice fly for Toronto. Devon Travis had three hits, two of them doubles.

It was another power display for Toronto.

"We've always had that. That's kind of our trademark and you live and die with that," Gibbons said. "We're getting another guy back here Monday (Jose Bautista) that's pretty good at doing that, too."

Corbin (4-9) was tagged for six runs, five earned, on nine hits in 5-2/3 innings to fall to 0-7 at home.

But Arizona manager Chip Hale wasn't all that critical.

"Early, he was not getting ahead in the count and obviously got hurt," he said. "Left the ball out over the plate to Donaldson and he hit it out. Second, third, fourth innings, really got ahead in the count, threw a lot of first-pitch strikes and controlled the zone. I thought he really pitched well."

Tuffy Gosewisch hit a three-run homer off of Brett Cecil in the ninth for Arizona.

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AROUND BASEBALL

CUBS 6, METS 2
Anthony Rizzo homered twice off Bartolo Colon, Kyle Hendricks pitched 6^{V3} scoreless innings and the Chicago beat New York to take two of three in the rematch of the NLCS.

INDIANS 11, ROYALS 4
Tyler Naquin hit two of the Indians' five homers and had a career-high six RBIs, helping Cleveland rout the Kansas City 11-4 to open up a nine-game lead atop the AL Central.

ASTROS 7, ATHLETICS 0
Doug Fister pitched seven innings and Jose Altuve continued his torrid hitting as the Houston Astros defeated the Oakland Athletics 7-0 on Wednesday.

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MCLAREN REPORT

Russia expects final decision by Sunday

Russia's top Olympic official expects a final decision by Sunday on whether the entire Russian team will be banned from next month's games in Rio de Janeiro over allegations of state-sponsored doping.

The International Olympic Committee said its executive board will meet via teleconference on Sunday to consider the issue, but added that a final decision was expected "within the next seven days."

The IOC is examining the legal options of a blanket ban following a report by World Anti-Doping Agency investigator Richard McLaren that accused Russia's sports ministry of overseeing doping of the country's Olympic athletes.

"The issue will be finally resolved by the end of this week, probably on Sunday," Russian Olympic Committee president Alexander Zhukov said Wednesday at a meeting of the ROC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NO BOYCOTT

Regardless of how the various doping-related cases turn out, Zhukov said a Russian Olympic boycott was out of the question.

UFC

Mendes gets 2-year ban for 'big mistake'

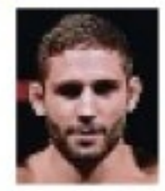
UFC featherweight contender Chad Mendes has been suspended for two years after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency announced the sanction Wednesday. USADA administers the UFC's anti-doping policy.

USADA said Mendes tested positive for a growth hormone-releasing hexapeptide in an out-of-competition test conducted May 17.

Mendes (17-4) is suspended until June 10, 2018, when he will be 33 years old.

Mendes has fought for the UFC 145-pound title three times, losing twice to Jose Aldo and once to Conor McGregor. The Northern California native has lost three of his last four fights overall, including a first-round knockout loss to Frankie Edgar in his most recent bout Dec. 11.



Chad Mendes GETTY IMAGES

Mendes said on Twitter last month that he "didn't do my homework, and that was a big mistake."

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OLYMPICS

Canada unveils beach teams for Rio

Sarah Pavan GETTY IMAGES

When volleyball player Sarah Pavan makes her Olympic debut next month in Rio, her transition from the court to the beach will have come full circle.

The 29-year-old from Kitchener, Ont., spent some 20 years playing the indoor game but when Canada failed to qualify for the 2012 London Olympics she decided to make the shift to sand.

She teamed with Heather Bansley of Waterdown, Ont., in 2013 and the two head into Rio as Canada's top-ranked beach volleyball team.

But the transition for Pavan hasn't been easy.

She said the shift required retraining her body to move and perform differently than she'd been used to playing indoors.

"The technical skills themselves are very different," she said Wednesday at the official unveiling of the Canadian team in Toronto. "A lot of people say, 'Well, it's still volleyball,' but they're two different sports."

For the first time since beach volleyball was added to the Olympic program in 1996, Canada is sending a full quota of two teams per gender to the Games. Pavan and Bansley will be joined on the women's side by Victoria's Jamie Broder and Toronto's Kristina Valjas. On the men's side it will be Chaim Schalk of Red Deer, Alta., and Calgary's Ben Saxton, and Richmond Hill, Ont., duo Josh Binstock and Sam Schachter.

Canada has only one beach volleyball medal, a bronze won by the men's team of John Child and Mark Heese at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.

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IN BRIEF

Canada women top China
Teenage midfielder Jessie Fleming scored a highlight-reel goal in the sixth minute to give Canada a 1-0 win over China on Wednesday in Paris in its penultimate outing before the Rio Olympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Caps, Johansson strike deal
The Washington Capitals narrowly avoided arbitration with Marcus Johansson, re-signing the forward to a $13.75 million, three-year contract.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anti-doping lab given OK for Rio Games
The World Anti-Doping Agency said Wednesday it has reinstated the laboratory that will carry out drug testing for the Rio Olympics.

The lab was shuttered last month for what WADA called "nonconformity with International Standard for Laboratories."

Olivier Niggli, director general of WADA, said in a statement the lab would be running "optimally" when the Olympics open on Aug. 5.

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RECIPE Chicken Chili Burger

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Even if you're rushed, do not skip the crema on this zesty burger.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 clove garlic, minced really fine
- 1/2 red onion, minced fine
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 egg, whisked
- 1 lb ground chicken
- 4 thin slices of cheddar
- 3/4 to 1 cup guacamole
- Lettuce, tomato and whatever else you like on a burger
- 4 buns

Crema
- 1 small (250 ml) container of sour cream
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- Pinch of salt and pepper

Directions

1. In a bowl, stir together the Crema ingredients. In a large bowl, combine ground chicken, garlic, onion, cumin, chili powder, egg, salt and pepper. Shape into patties.

2. Add a touch of oil to your pan and warm over medium heat. Put patties in and allow to cook on one side for about 5 minutes. Flip them and cook 2 or 3 minutes before placing the cheese on top. Cover pan to help the cheese melt. Use a meat thermometer to make sure the internal temperature is 165 F.

3. Toast the buns. Spread Crema on the bottom bun, add lettuce, burger, guac and top with the bun.

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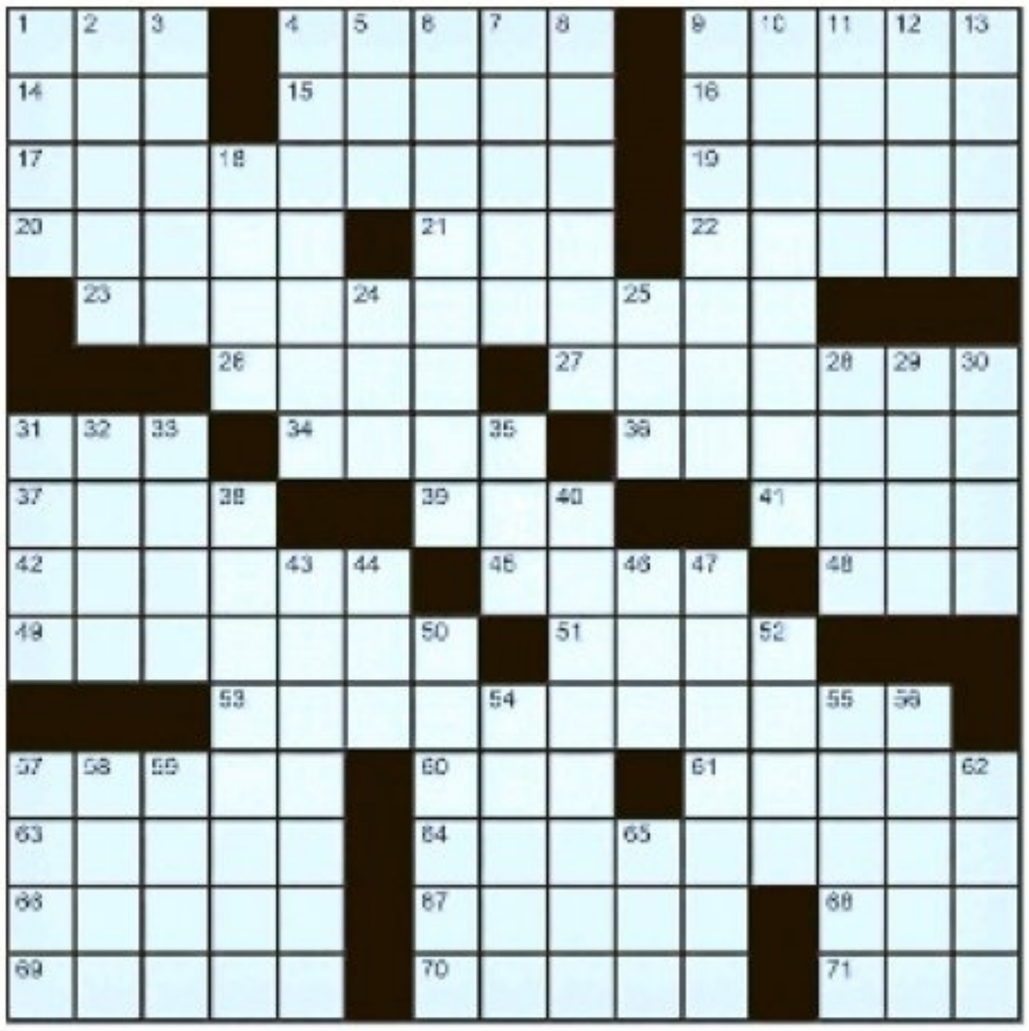

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4. Anwar _ (Former Egyptian President)
9. Bug's landing spot on a flower
14. Spanish 'bear'
15. City in Australia
16. Reflection
17. Guitar fingering notation
19. Taken-back vehicles
20. Jeweller's unit
21. Caesar's 1002
22. "_ you clever!"
23. Northern Ontario town where filmmaker James Cameron was born in 1954
26. Gladiator's 552
27. Pieces in Bryan Adams' wardrobe
31. USA state
34. Beginning as two-by-two marchers in song...
36. Handbook
37. Drug deal buster, for short
39. Mystery novelist Ms. Grafton
41. Ms. Gershon
42. Greatest extent
45. Chg. card percentages
48. Li'l Australian state
49. Ink pad user
51. Kind of freshwater fish
53. Magician
57. Finely chop
60. Impair
61. Madagascar animal
63. Construe
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66. Iowa city where 1930 painting American Gothic is set
67. Bodybuilding legend Charles
68. Mr. Bacon, to pals
69. Mustard brand
70. Looks as though
71. Clairvoyance, e.g.

DOWN
1. US campus mil. program
2. "Wicked Game" singer Chris
3. Hooded snake
4. Pancakes flipper
5. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
6. Music store items: 2 wds.
7. Halls-with-skylights
8. Just-one-deity believer
9. Flesh-chomping fish
10. Coming forth
11. Record
12. 1957 Igor Stravinsky ballet
13. For fear that
18. Particular Pacific patrol, puny-ly
24. "_ City" (2005)
25. Philosophy
28. Wreck
29. Treats cowhides
30. Cabbage concoction
31. Cross to bear
32. "Round and Round" rodent rockers
33. Ms. Bombeck
35. Fashion designer Anna
38. Annual pop culture event in San Diego, this year from July 21st to July 24th
40. Gird
43. Abdomen organs
44. _ Aviv
46. Howe'er
47. Overcast
50. Dances in a way
52. Casket stand
54. Lightly fry
55. Chimney plume
56. Melodies
57. Docile
58. Stagnate
59. Without wearables
62. Invitee's 'yes'
65. _ sandwich

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
A friend might throw you a curveball or do something you least expect today. However, you also might meet someone new and unusual — who knows?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today your relations with authority figures are a bit unpredictable. You don't know if you should stay or jump. Because you don't know, do nothing.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will love to suddenly travel today; however, travel plans are unpredictable. Enjoy meeting people from other cultures and different backgrounds. Enjoy learning something new.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Something having to do with shared property or inheritances will be unpredictable today. Knowing this, make it a point to do your homework and be on top of things.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might make a new friend today, or a friend or partner might do something that surprises you. This is an exciting day with lots of electricity in the air!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your ambition is strong today, and so is your intuition. Trust your hunches. Because you feel so independent, you might not be keen to cooperate with others. Hmmm, is this wise?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A sudden invitation to a social event will delight you today. Sports events might have unexpected results, because today is a bit of a crapshoot. Nevertheless, it's a fun day!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might buy something new and high-tech for your home today. Alternatively, something at home might break down. Grrr. That's because your home routine will have some surprises.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You're full of bright, clever, innovative ideas today. Why not write them down so that later, you can run them up the flagpole to see if anyone salutes?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might have a clever idea about how to boost your income today. Likewise, you spontaneously might buy something, especially something hightech, a videogame or perhaps modern art.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you feel ambitious, impulsive and restless! That's why all kinds of spontaneous suggestions will appeal to you. "I'm ready!"

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a restless day for you, because you want something to happen and you're not sure what. But you want to break free from routine and find some new thrills.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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I'm holding a **FREE** event near you to tell you all about it. Let me teach you my surefire 3-step Fortunes in Flipping program ... and introduce you to your new mentors: trained real estate professionals who are actively investing in your market right now.

I'll Show You, Step-by-Step, How to Make Money Just Like I Do

I've built a real estate empire on my own. Nobody gave it to me. I took the fantastic opportunities North America provides, and I went out and got what I wanted. Now I want to give back by helping average, ordinary people – just like myself – **get a big piece of the pie.**

Some people don't think it's possible. After all, in the last five years, average homeowners have lost more money in real estate than ever before. But that doesn't faze me one bit because... During that same time period ... savvy investors (like my students and I) have made **MORE MONEY** in real estate than in any other time in our history.

We're now seeing the conditions in which **FORTUNES ARE MADE.** It all depends on which side of the market you're on. And I want to teach you how to be on the receiving end of massive wealth.

Discover the same methods my team's used to flip 800 houses so you can:

- **Earn $10,000 to $50,0000 per deal – in your spare time!**
- **Get access to seed money to start investing!**
- **Find exclusive properties for 40% off retail price!**

There's Only One Question

Will YOU seize the opportunity by coming to my FREE Real Estate Event? I'll show you exactly how you can do what I do, even if you don't think you have the experience or the money to get started.

All Attendees will receive VIP TECH packages.

- ✓ GPS Smart Watch
- ✓ Power Charger
- ✓ USB Flash Drive Loaded with Nick's Fortunes & Flipping Kit
- ✓ FREE Lunch or Dinner

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Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport
2400 Alert Road

Here are just a few of the hundreds of investors whose lives have been changed by investing with Nick Vertucci Companies.

DON & ESTER JENSEN

Closed Sales - 10 closed deals
(including partnerships and wholesale)
Profits from Sales & Wholesale $228,750
"We have also made around 20k just in referral fees for Hard Money referrals"
Pending Sales - 4 Deals
On Market - 3 Deals
Deals Under Rehab - 4 Deals
Projected Profits - $2,650,000
That's 22 Deals total since they went to Bus Tour Sept 2014

MELVA & LEON

1st Property made $37,328
2nd Property made $52,865
3rd Property made $100,105
Total of $190,298 in profit in 6 months. Since then...
2 Cash Flow properties at $2,500/mth

JOHN COOKSEY

Attended Bus Tour Sept 2014
4 Properties purchased first 6 mths
1st Flip - profit $5,000
2nd Flip - profit $8,000
1 in construction - estimated profit $80,000
1 Commercial Property (4 commercial spaces, 17 residential) - estimated Cash Flow $34,000/mth
1 Purchased Duplex - $800/mth

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